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Redondo Beach Doctor Awaiting Trial Charged with Illegally Possessing Millions in Drugs

A Redondo Beach neurologist charged in two separate drug cases was arrested today on charges that he illegally possessed an estimated \$2 million of powerful narcotics that were discovered in a Long Beach storage facility, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Dr. Gerard Geoffrey Goryl, 59, was arrested for the third time after the DEA and the Redondo Beach Police Department discovered that Goryl had a storage locker containing an estimated 500,000 diet pills and other narcotics. Because of his two pending complaints, Goryl is barred from possessing narcotics.

Goryl was taken into custody in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, where he appeared in court on his two pending cases. He pleaded not guilty to 18 felony counts contained in the third case -- BA430223.

Deputy District Attorneys Emily Street and John Niedermann of the Major Narcotics Division are prosecuting all three cases.

Goryl was first charged in June with selling powerful narcotics out of his clinic, "A Better Weigh" in Redondo Beach, to undercover police. He was rearrested in August after police discovered he was continuing to sell drugs despite a court order not to do so, prosecutors said.

The latest complaint charges him with 10 counts of possession for sale of a controlled substance with an allegation that the new charges occurred while he is out on bail, and eight counts of possession of narcotics with a restricted license. Prosecutors also charged him with a special allegation that the amount of drugs he possessed was in excess of one kilo.

Goryl is scheduled to return to Department 30 on Oct. 29 for discovery compliance and again on Nov. 17 to set a date for his preliminary hearings. If he is convicted in all three cases, he faces up to 36 years, eight months in local custody.

All three cases remain under investigation by the Redondo Beach Police Department in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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